

Amendment No. 1 to HB2440

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3250

House Bill No. 2440*

by deleting Section 2 of the bill in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-1-2__.

(a) As used in this section, "grade average" means the grade average obtained by using grades made by a student in the subjects of mathematics, science, English, history and foreign language during the semester for which the average is computed.

(b) No later than August 1, 2008, the department of education shall establish an Education Pays pilot program to encourage student academic achievement through monetary rewards. The pilot program shall be created in the four (4) school systems having the largest numbers of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751-1769. At the end of each semester, the department, from funds specifically appropriated for the pilot program, shall award a student receiving an Education Pays academic achievement award one hundred dollars (\$100). The custodial parent or guardian of such student shall also receive an award of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from the department.

(c)

(1) The LEA having the most students eligible for free and reduced price lunch and the LEA having the fourth largest number of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch shall each select one (1) school with students enrolled in some or all of the grades nine through

twelve (9-12). The one hundred seventy-five (175) students with the highest grade averages at the end of each semester in one (1) or more grade levels in the selected school in the LEA with the most students eligible for free and reduced price lunch shall receive the Education Pays academic award. The fifty (50) students with the highest grade averages at the end of each semester in one (1) or more grade levels in the selected school in the LEA with the fourth largest number of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch shall receive the Education Pays academic award.

(2) The LEA with the second largest number of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch shall select one (1) school with students enrolled in some or all of the grades five through eight (5-8). The fifty (50) students with the highest grade averages at the end of each semester in one (1) or more grade levels in the selected school shall receive the Education Pays academic award.

(3) The LEA with the third largest number of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch shall select one (1) school with students enrolled in some or all of the grades one through four (1-4). The fifty (50) students with the highest grade averages at the end of each semester in one (1) or more grade levels in the selected school shall receive the Education Pays academic award.

(4) An LEA shall consider as one (1) factor in the selection of a school pursuant to subdivision (c)(1), (2) or (3) the number of students enrolled in the school who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. An LEA shall select the number of grade levels eligible to receive the Education Pays academic achievement award so that the number of students receiving the award approximates twenty-five percent (25%) of each grade level that the LEA selects.